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USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4) COMMAND HISTORY 1982

USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4), known throughout the Western Pacific as the "ORIENT EXPRESS," officially concluded operations for 1981 on December 15th with a successful Operational Propulsion Plant Recertification Examination (OPPRE) and returned to Yokosuka for a leave and upkeep period.

The new year saw WHITE PLAINS underway for training in local operating areas in the sea of Japan. Late in the month of January, she steamed northward to Pusan, Korea for a port visit. Returning to Yokosuka in February, she began her loadout for her next deployment to the Indian Ocean in support of USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) and her battle group.

During this deployment, WHITE PLAINS spent 51 days in the Indian Ocean, 50 of which were spent underway. Twenty-one ships were replenished with a total of 24 vertical replenishment (VERTREPS) and 21 connected replenishments (CONREPS), delivering some 1,582,000 lbs of provisions, 340,000 lbs of fleet freight, 17,000 lbs of mail and 166 passengers to other ships in the battle group. On the 16th of April, a man overboard from KITTY HAWK was rescued by the WHITE PLAINS' Helicopter Detachment, HC3 DET 106. WHITE PLAINS outchopped from the Indian Ocean on the 22nd of April. From the 26th to the 30th of April, she took a badly needed rest in Phattaya Beach, Thailand.

While transiting the South China Sea, WHITE PLAINS rescued 47 Vietnamese refugees. The 15th of May saw her arrival in Yokosuka, Japan for an upkeep period. From the 29th of May to the 1st of June, WHITE PLAINS visited the port of Hong Kong.

On the 1st of July, she commenced a 3-month Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) in Yokosuka, Japan. Major repairs were accomplished on cargo reefers, UNREP (Underway Replenishment) systems, high pressure air compressors, salt water circulating system, and laundry system.

Ship alterations exceeded 13,000 man days at a total cost of \$4,263,790. Of 88 jobs scheduled, 85 percent were completed.

WHITE PLAINS was honored on the 10th of August with a visit from the Secretary of the Navy, John LEHMAN, who congratulated her on her outstanding operational record. On the 15th of August WHITE PLAINS sponsored a picnic for her Japanese sister-ship SDS SOHYA.

In October of that year RADM SCHRADER, COMNAVSURFPAC, visited WHITE PLAINS with COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC, RADM ROANE. On the 25th of October WHITE PLAINS got underway for Subic Bay, R.P., arriving on the 31st of October.

Underway for Singapore on the 7th of November, she entered the straits of Malacca on the 16th. The first UNREP of the season took place with USS HARRY W. HILL (DD-986) on the 20th of November. The next day the Indian Merchant vessel M.V. VISHVA NIDHI requested medical assistance for an ailing crewmember. Doctor (b) (6) Medical Officer on board suspected appendicitis. A motor whaleboat was dispatched to render assistance. After examining the patient, doctor (b) (6) concluded that the patient was suffering from severe gastric distress. WHITE PLAINS held a position close to M.V. VISHVA NIDHI through the night. The patient's continued recovery was acknowledged. Many thanks were recieved from the ship's Master K. P. GOPAL RAO. After spending the 23rd of November in Diego Garcia, WHITE PLAINS got underway for Arabian Sea operations areas.

The 1st of December WHITE PLAINS joined USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) and her battle group (Task Group 70.6). On 2 December 1982 WHITE PLAINS sighted the soviet cruiser carrier MINSK. On the 5th of December she arrived in Muscat, Oman for a loadout. The next day she was underway again to rejoin the battle group in the Arabian Sea. WHITE PLAINS arrived in Diego Garcia on 14 December 1983 and departed the next day for MUSCAT, OMAN. Traveling for 6 days in the Arabian Sea, she arrived in MUSCAT on the 21st of December. Later the same day, WHITE PLAINS got underway to replenish the battle group, then continued on to Diego Garcia, where she closed out her replenishment operations. WHITE PLAINS got underway for Phattaya Beach Thailand on the 31st of December.

During her scheduled deployment, WHITE PLAINS passed a total of 3,910,000 lbs of cargo and traveled some 27,000 miles. Of the 365 days in 1982, she spent a total of 150 at sea and 215 in port.

Following her busy schedule of operations, WHITE PLAINS made her way back to Yokosuka, Japan for a standard upkeep in preparation for her eventual return to the Indian Ocean.

CHRONOLOGICAL OUTLINE OF EVENTS

1-17 JAN 82	Inport Yokosuka, Japan for Upkeep Period
18-21 Jan 82	Underway for training in local operations areas
28 Jan 82	Underway enroute port Pusan, Korea
31 Jan-04 Feb 82	Inport Pusan, Korea for port visit
07 Feb 82	Inport Yokosuka, Japan for loadout
13 Feb 82	Underway enroute loadouts in Subic Bay, R.P. and Singapore
03 Mar 82	Entered the Indian Ocean; I.O. #1-82
	51 days in the Indian Ocean; 50 days underway, 1 day inport
	21 ships alongside, 24 vertical replenishments
	1,582,000 lbs provisions delivered
	340,000 lbs fleet freight
	17,000 lbs mail delivered
	166 passengers delivered
16 Apr 82	Rescued man overboard from the Kitty Hawk
22 Apr 82	Outchopped from the Indian Ocean
26-30 Apr 82	Inport Phattaya Beach, Thailand for port visit
02 May 82	Rescued 47 Vietnamese refugees in the South China, Sea
15 May 82	Arrived Yokosuka, Japan for upkeep period
29 May - 01 Jun 82	Port visit to Hong Kong
14-18 June 82	INSURV
01 Jul - Aug 82	Com menced 3 month SRA-82 overhaul, Yokosuka
	Major repairs effected:
	Repair of cargo reefers
	Repair of UNREP system

Repair of high pressure air compressor

salt water circulating system

Installation of new laundry system/1534 man-days

Daily 760 BMS removal

Ship alterations-- 13,681 man-days expended.

Total Cost: \$4,263,790 Ship force overhaul management

systems--88 jobs scheduled; 85 % completed

\$220,000 allotted, \$220,000 spent

10 Aug 82	SECNAV visits WHITE PLAINS. John Lehman congratulates WHITE PLAINS her outstanding operational record.
15 Aug 82	WHITE PLAINS sponsors picnic for Japanese sister-ship SDS Sohya
19 Oct 82	COMNAVSURFPAC RADM. Schrader visits WHITE PLAINS with COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC RADM. Roane
25 Oct 82	Underway for Subic Bay, R. P.
31 Oct 82	Arrive Subic Bay
7 Nov 82	Underway for Singapore
16 Nov 82	Enter Straits of Malacca
20 Nov 82	UNREP with USS Harry W. HILL (DD 986); first UNREP of season
21 Nov 82	Indian merchant vessel M.V. Vishva Nidhi requests medical assistance for an ailing crew member. Dr. (b) (6) suspects appendicitis. A motor-whaleboat is launched to render assistance. After examining the patient, Dr. (b) (6) determines that the patient is suffering from severe gastric distress. Many thanks from ship Master K.P. Gopal Rao.
22 Nov 82	WHITE PLAINS returns to investigate condition of patient aboard Vishva Nidhi, patient is doing well.
23 Nov 82	Arrive Diego Garcia
24 Nov 82	Underway for Arabian Sea operation areas
1 Dec 82	Joined USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) and her battle group (70.6)
2 Dec 82	Sighted Soviet ship Minsk

5 Dec 82	Arrive Muscat, Oman for loadout
6 Dec 82	Underway for operations areas
14 Dec 82	Arrive Diego Garcia
15 Dec 82	Depart Diego Garcia for Muscat, Oman
21 Dec 82	Arrive Muscat, Oman
22 Dec 82	Underway for Arabian Sea operations areas
30 Dec 82	Arrive Diego Garcia
31 Dec 82	Depart Diego Garcia for Pattaya Beach, Thailand